abroad approved by Government.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) While some units are under implementation, the reasons for non-operation of certain joint ventures could, inter-alia, be financial and managarial difficulties, changed economic conditions in the host country, inadeguate pre-investment project appraisal done by promoters and new trends in the international market. Some countries where joint venture have remained non-operational or are under implementation are Australia, Bahrain, Botswana, Bangladesh, Egypt, Hongkong, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Netherland, Nepal, Nigeria, Panama, Spain, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uganda, U.A.E., U.K. USA, USSR, W.Germny, Venezuela, Vietnam & Hungary.

(d) Government always consider such changes as may be required during the process of implemenatation/ operation and take appropriate decisions.

[*English*]

Export to Soviet Union

3802. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of the items like cashewnuts, tobacco etc. exported to Soviet Union under rupee payment are re-exported by them to India's tradional Western customers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE(SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). The Trade Agreement with USSR clearly provides that the goods exported from the Republic of India, are meant for use in USSR and India respectively and shall not be reexported to any other country, unless specifically agreed upon between the competent authorities of the two sides. Government had received reports alleging that certain agricultural exports from India were being diverted by the importing organisations.

As a pre-emptive measure certain steps have been taken in the case of exports of various agricultural items. These include:

i) Export benefits were to be recommended only after the exporter had produced a certficate issued by a recognised authority in the importing country that the goods had actually reached.

ii) The provisions whether in terms of quantity or in value terms - laid down in the trade plan were not to be exceeded : and

iii) Exports to the Rupee payment Areas countries should as far as possible be in either Indian vessels or in the vessels of the importing country and use of inter-mediate third country vessels avoided.

If any specific instance of violation of the Agreement comes to the notice of the Government, the matter would be enquired into.

Delegation Of Powers To CCI&E

3803. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the replies given to unstarred question Nos. 132 and 13 on February 22, 1991 and July12,1991 respectively and state:

(a) whether the valid delegation of powers to the CCI&E has since been made;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not , the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard and delegation orders placed on the Table?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). The powers delegated under Imports (Control) Order , 1955 as amended to CCI&E to issue licences are valid and no fresh delegation of powers is required.

[*Translation*]

By-Pass On Agra -Mathura -Jaipur Highway Around Bharatpur City

3804. SHRIMATI KISHNENDRA KAUR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a by- pass around Bharatpur city on Agra -Mathura -Jaipur Highway:

(b) if so, the time by which the work is likely to be started ; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to construct a short bypass around Bharatpur on National Highway 11 (Agra - Bharatpur -Jaipur route) following the alignment of Old Agency Road.

(b) The realignment will be taken up after land has been acquired by the state PWD which is in progress.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Construction Of Bridge On National Highway No. 3 In Nasik

3805. DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI PAWAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to construct an additional bridge on National Highway No.3 at Nasik:

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

(c) whether the old bridge (Mannawar bridge) is not in a traffic-worthy condition ; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken to strengthen it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes , Sir . An additional two lane bridge by the side of the existing bridge has been sanctioned for an amount of Rs. 148.74 lakhs.

(c) and (d) The old bridge has already been repaired and strengthened and is now in traffic- worthy condition.

[*Translation*]

Uniform Sales Tax

3806. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred ouestion No.2618 on August 4, 1989 and state :

(a) the names of 29 identified items in respect of which it was resolved at the Chief Minister Conference held in February , 1989